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SUBJECT: CODEL GILMAN

1. CODEL GILMAN ARRIVED JOHANNESBURG'S JAN SMUTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FROM SWAZILAND AT 1845 APRIL 23 HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED MISSION TO EFFECT HAND-OVER OF ISRAELI CITIZEN MIRON MARKUS AT MOZAMBIQUE-SWAZILAND BORDER POST AT GOBA AT 1700. MARKUS IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE.

2. IN PARTY ACCOMPANYING MARKUS TO JAN SMUTS WERE CONGRESSMAN GILMAN, RABBI RONALD GREENWALD, ISRAELI CITIZEN SHABTAI KALMONOWITCH, MARKUS' WIFE MARILYN AND FATHER-IN-LAW PHILLIP SUSSMAN OF CAPE TOWN, EMBASSY OFFICER DAVID BOCSKOR, AND STRINGER GEOFF DALGLISH OF NEWSWEEK.

3. ON ARRIVAL AT JAN SMUTS, MARKUS COULD NOT LEAVE INTERNATIONAL
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SECTION BECAUSE HE HAD NO TRAVEL DOCUMENT OR SOUTH AFRICAN VISA, SO HE WAS OBLIGED TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN AIRPORT HOTEL. ISRAELI CONGEN WENT TO WORK ON MATTER IN EARLY EVENING AND WAS ASSURED MARKUS WOULD BE ABLE RETURN TO HOME IN CAPE TOWN APRIL 24.

4. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF PARTY AT JAN SMUTS, CONGRESSMAN

GILMAN HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, EXPLAINING HISTORY OF PRISONER SWAP AND DISTRIBUTING PRESS RELEASE (TEXT BY SEPTTEL). PRESS CONFERENCE ARRANGED BY ABPAO HAHN , AT CONGRESSMAN'S REQUEST AND ATTENDED BY REPS ALL IMPORT LOCAL MEDIA, PLUS LA TIMES AND NBC. STORY FRONTPAGED APRIL 24 (RAND DAILY MAIL ARTICLE BY SEPTTEL, OTHERS

BY POUCH) AND GIVEN PROMINENT RADIO AND TV COVERAGE.

5. CODEL GILMAN (CONGRESSMAN AND RABBI GREENWALD) DEPARTED JAN SMUTS AT 2100 APRIL 23 FOR MADRID, NEW YORK, AND WASHINGTON.

6. POST EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO CHARGE WACHOB AT EMBASSY MBABANE FOR EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND TIMELY NOTIFICATIONS OF SCHEDULE CHANGES.
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